

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~Purified~~ The invention provided herein relates generally to purified genes encoding mammalian cytokines as well as cytokine from a mammal, reagents related thereto including purified proteins, specific antibodies, and nucleic acids ~~are provided encoding these molecules.~~ In particular, the novel cytokine, IL-B30, is provided herein as well as methods and kits for the detection of the expression of IL-B30 polynucleotides. ~~Methods of using said reagents and diagnostic kits are also provided.~~